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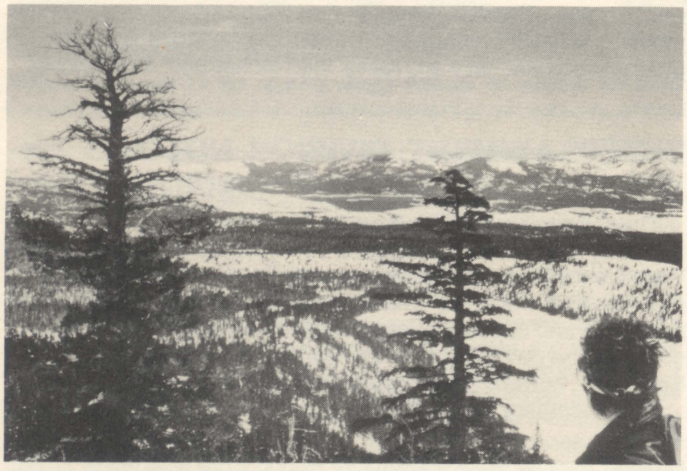
PRELIMINARY PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR DISNEY MOUNTAIN RESORT



Mt. Lola's peak, at 9,143 feet, offers a member of our environmental survey crew an outstanding view of the High Sierra mountains and of Lake Independence, 2,194 feet below.

After a one-year **preliminary** environmental and land use study, the Walt Disney Outdoor Recreation Division, located at our corporate headquarters in Burbank, California, has unveiled inital plans to create a year-round family destination resort at Independence Lake, California.

However, before construction can begin, our company has to submit an Environmental Impact Report to county, state and federal officials for acceptance. Upon approval of the plan, we would move rapidly ahead with the development of the resort.

Currently known as the **Independence Lake Project,** our plans call for a year-round resort to be built utilizing snow skiing in the winter months and numerous other outdoor activities in the warmer seasons. Disney Imagineers and designers are looking to a projected winter use of the resort by approximately 2,500 skiers on an average weekday and up to 5,000 on the weekends and holidays. The number of summer visitors making use of such activities as boating, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, nature study walks, overnight camping trips and other warm weather recreational activities is expected to be slightly higher than the winter use.

The resort would be on Mt. Lola, which is located overlooking Independence Lake, some 13 miles northwest of the town of Truckee, California, outside the Tahoe basin.

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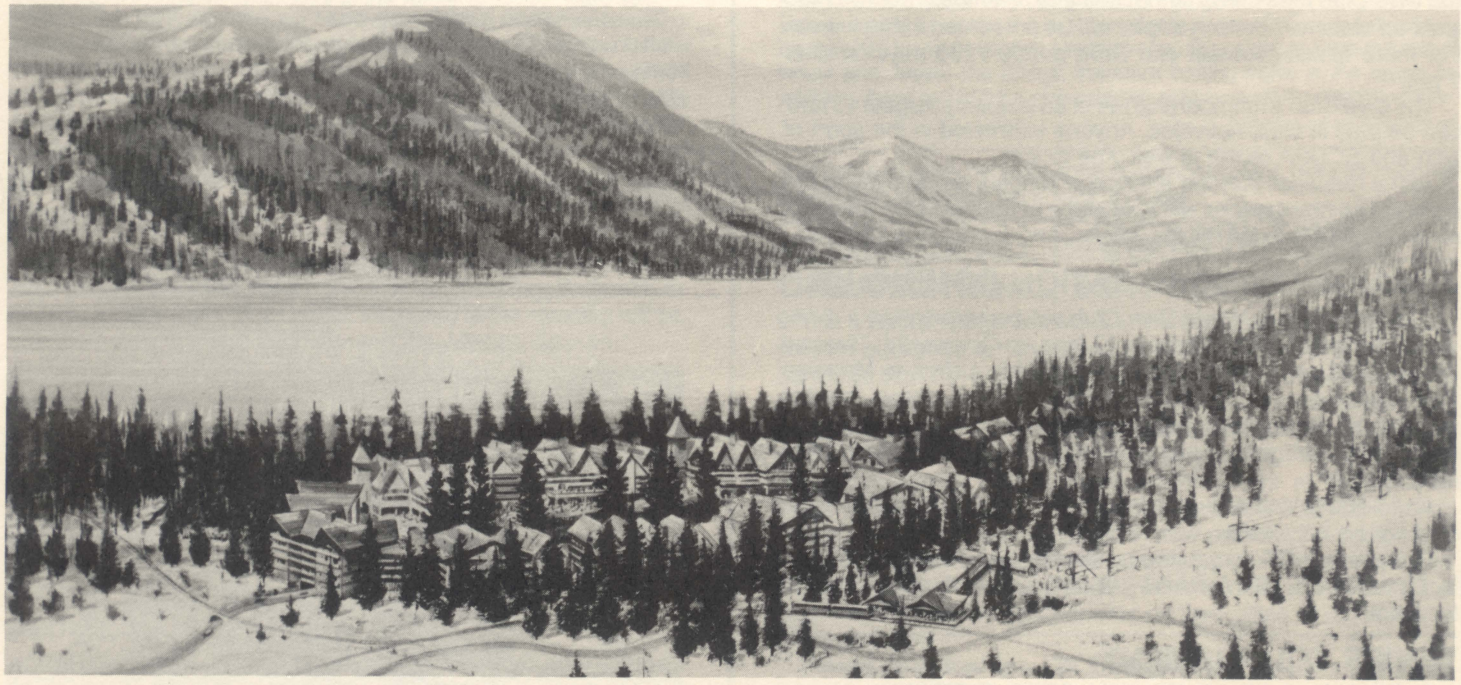

This is an artist's preliminary concepts for an alpine village of shops, restaurants and lodging accommodations which will be the focal point of the Independence Lake Project. Automobile parking would be under the village and transportation would be via electric cog-assisted trains.

CAST ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA FOR AS LITTLE AS $246 . . . ROUND TRIP AIR FARE AND 9 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS!!!

The deadline for the California trip has been extended! The trip dates are Friday, October 3 through Sunday, October 12. Transportation will be via a National Airlines Jumbo 747 and there is an unlimited number of seats available. **This is not a charter program . . .** therefore we can arrange for **relatives** who are not dependents and **guests** to go on this trip with you. Stop by Cast Activities today for information on this exciting venture . . . or call at 824-4254.

RESTAURANT DISCOUNT BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE

The 3rd annual Big Brothers of Greater Orlando **Restaurant Discount Booklet** is now available through Cast Activities. **For only $5,** you will receive a booklet of **seven** coupons good for discounts at various Orlando eating establishments. The discounts include: One complimentary adult dinner with purchase of another at **The Caboose, The Italian Fisherman Restaurant, Lee's Place** or **Grandview Hotel, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Restaurant;** 25% off food purchased at **Angelo's,** one complimentary seafood dinner with the purchase of another at **Long John Silvers** and one complimentary 13" or 15" pizza with purchase of another at **The Pizza Hut.** All of that for just$5!!!

The days on which the coupons are valid, along with other specific details are printed on each coupon. Stop by Cast Activities for your's today and help a good cause while you're at it.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE LARGEST LOBSTER!

Has anyone caught a lobster yet? The season has now opened and the Walt Disney World Dive Club's contest is well underway to run through the end of August. Your lobster must be verified by the Dive Club measuring committee and all entries must be from paid-up club members. A trophy will be presented to the winner. For more details, contact **Jim Reid** at 299-7763 anytime after 7 pm.

The Dive Club's membership fee of $5 is due by August 15 and can be paid in Cast Activities. Anyone interested in the sport of skin and SCUBA diving is welcome to join.

Just a reminder that the election of officers is just around the corner. The nominations will take place at the next club meeting, so watch **EYES & EARS** for details. And go catch a lobster!

JAMAICA DIVING VACATION COMING UP

The Walt Disney World Dive Club will be sponsoring a diving vacation trip to Jamaica October 17 through October 24. The cost will be **$385** and that will include: round trip airfare to Montego Bay, rental car, air conditioned room on the ocean (double occupancy), three meals per day, two dives per day off a 37 foot boat, all SCUBA gear and air included and all taxes and gratuities included.

And if you're **not** a diver but want to visit the island, then your cost will be only **$355.**

A deposit of **$75** is required by **September 1** and the balance by **October 1. EYES & EARS** will carry further details, so watch for them.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A mixed doubles tennis tournament will begin Monday, August 11. Anyone interested should contact Cast Activities to sign-up.

Important Notice To All Cast Members . . . Cast Activities may now be reached by calling 824-4254 direct. Cast Activities is open Monday through Saturday from 8 am till 5:30 pm.

FINAL AUDITIONS FOR GOLDEN VARIETY SHOW

The final auditions for September's Golden Variety Show will be held Saturday, August 2, from 8 am till 10 pm in the Stage Door Cafe, The Center. **Terry Powers,** the show's producer, tells us that rehearsals will begin the week of August 4th.

The show is sponsored by Cast Activities and is being produced by Walt Disney World cast members on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping out in the production, publicity, ushering, backstage work, costuming, make-up, scene design, tech services or whatever else . . . then call Cast Activities and leave your name, area of interest and a call back number.

CAST SATIRE PLAY TO MEET

Anyone interested in participating in this year's annual satire play to be presented by the Theatre Workshop should attend their next meeting, Thursday, August 7, at 7 pm in Cast Activities. The meeting will concentrate on developing a **story line** for the production. If you have any ideas, then please plan on attending.

ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION HOLDING AUDITIONS FOR NEW PERFORMING GROUP

The Entertainment Division will be holding auditions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August 8-10) in hopes of forming a new Walt Disney World performing group. This ensemble for singers and dancers would be available for convention entertainment packages and special holiday events in the Magic Kingdom. The group will be patterned after the Summer Workshop "Kids of the Kingdom," currently performing evenings in Tomorrowland.

Cast members may schedule auditions times on the following dates:

Friday, August 8 — 9 am till 12 noon, 1 pm till 4 pm
Saturday, August 9 — 9 am till 12 noon, 1 pm till 4 pm, 7 pm till 10 pm
Sunday, August 10 — 1 pm till 4 pm

Those persons auditioning must be able to **sing** and **move well** on stage. Two songs should be prepared and music supplied in the proper key for our piano accompanist. In addition, comfortable clothing should be worn for dance movement exercises.

To schedule an appointment to audition (outside your normal working hours), please call the **Special Events Department** in Entertainment Division at **extension 4206.** Please be prepared to stay for the full audition time.

The Kids of the Kingdom in Tomorrowland

Present concepts for the resort's village include an outdoor ice skating rink, as well as numerous shops, restaurants and lodging accommodations. The village could have up to a 2,500 overnight guest capacity when it first opens.

Card Walker, in his announcement of the project, said that currently we have only developed broad general concepts for the resort and surrounding land. He added, "from here on, our planning and engineering departments will be working toward establishing specific designs and ultimate costs."

Card went on to explain other aspects involved in creating the resort . . . "Our own experts and those we have retained in the fields of ecology, recreation and socio-economics will be gathering data for the Environmental Impact Report which must be completed, and accepted by county, state and federal officials before construction can begin."

In addition to our own study of the regional impact of such a resort, we are also exchanging data with the United States Forest Service which is making a land use study of the Little Truckee River Drainage Basin, an area in which Mt. Lola and Lake Independence are located. Our Enviornmental Impact Report is hoped to be ready for presentation to the officials by the end of 1975.

"If our plans win acceptance, and construction proceeds normally, *we would expect to begin operations in the winter of 1978,*" Card said.

The resort would be located on some 10,000 acres of private land which is owned by Southern Pacific Land Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, who will be limited partners in the venture. But less than ten per cent of this 10,000 acres is earmarked for development. Card said that a considerable amount of our proposed investment would be directed toward preserving the environmental qualities which drew our company's attention to the Independence Lake — Mt. Lola region, after the United States Forest Service designated it as having potential for winter recreational development.

And to test just how good an area Mt. Lola is for winter activities, Disney had survey crews led by **Willy Schaeffler** spend the winter there. Willy, a former director of the United States Ski Team and internationally-recognized ski facilities designer, is well qualified to evalute the potential of Mt. Lola's slopes for the popular winter sport of skiing. He described the runs as "superb," with long, gentle slopes for the beginners; more challenging runs for the intermediate skiers, and tough advanced slopes for the expert skiers. Some of the runs drop more than 2,000 vertical feet within a mile and a half. However, it's the variety of beginner and intermediate slopes which will make Mt. Lola particularly suitable for family participation.

Our general concepts for the mountain resort currently call for a village to be located on approximately 15 acres of land at the northwest end of Independence Lake. The village would include lodgings, shops and restaurants and would be the focal point of the resort. Transportation may be supplied by non-polluting electric trains. Overnight guest to the resort would park **under** the village, therefore limiting traffic in the resort. In addition, there would be a cog-assisted railway system connecting day-

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SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOLDING MEETING, MOVIE

The Walt Disney World Sportsman's Association will be holding a general business meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 5, in the Stage Door Cafe, The Center. Featured at the meeting will be a motion picture, "Ted Williams and the Atlantic Salmon."

NEW INSURANCE ID CARDS HERE SOON

The Group Insurance Department announced that sometime before the end of this year, you will be receiving a **new policy ID card** along with a new insurance explanation booklet.

Please note that if you know in advance that you or a member of your family (qualified dependent) are going into the hospital, then please stop by the Group Insurance office prior to hospital admission and pick up a new ID card.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING

The Walt Disney World Amateur Radio Club will be holding its next monthly meeting Wednesday, August 6, at 7:30 pm in Cast Activities. All members are asked to attend.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF GREEK ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS . . . .

The **EYES & EARS** last week in the Classified Advertisements column published an ad asking all **Chi Omega Sorority** members interested in being part of a group picture for their sorority magazine to meet in front of the castle on a certain day. We were contacted by our Publicity Department who told us that all requests from **fraternities, sororities, schools** or **other organizations** for pictures of their members who work at Walt Disney World need to be channeled through their office. Many times such organizations want a photograph of their members in costume in front of the castle or such . . . and these types of requests have to be coordinated by the Publicity Department. They can be reached at extension 4531 or drop by their office which is above City Hall.

Please note that the Chi Omega photo session has been postponed. **EYES & EARS** will notify members when it is rescheduled.

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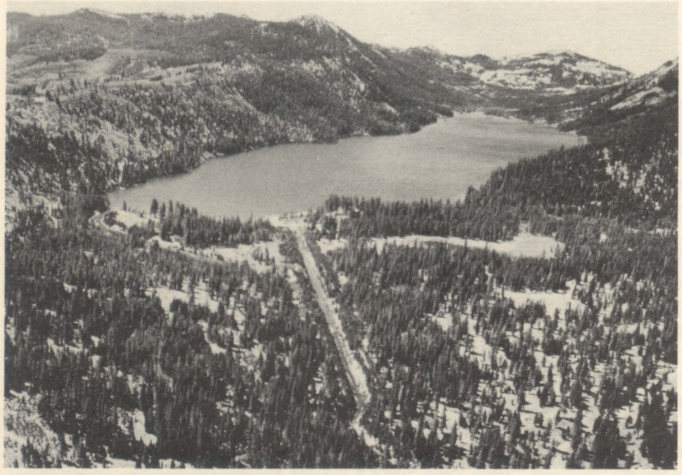
visitor parking lots (which would be placed well **outside** the resort area, perhaps up to a mile and a half away) with the village.

Proposed for the village is a 275-room lodge and a limited number of condominium units which would give the village an overnight accommodations capacity of approximately 2,500 guests. Plans also call for a 200-site campground for warm weather use with complete camping facilities including washrooms and restrooms. About half of these sites would be "winterized" for recreational vehicle use by skiers in the winter months.

Even further down the road, our Disney Imagineers are calling for a second cog railway to open, perhaps a year or so after the resort opens. It would run about two and a half miles from the village to a restaurant overlooking Independence Lake. It is felt that this would be an exciting element to the resort for both the summer and winter guests . . . a concept which no other resort in the country has.

Besides the village . . . with its shops, restaurants and lodging accommodations . . . other recreational aspects covering all four seasons may include up to ten ski chairlifts, a dozen tennis courts, an outdoor ice skating rink, an equestrain center, sleigh-ride trails, hiking trails, an enviornmental study center, and of course swimming, boating and fishing on Independence Lake.



Independence Lake, approximately two and one-half miles long and one-half mile wide, will be the site of our proposed year-round resort. The surrounding mountains will offer guests great skiing in the winter along with a spectacular view of the lake.

What will be the proposed resort's requirements for employment? **Bob Hicks,** project manager for our Outdoor Recreation Division, said that initial requirements could range from 500 to 750 employees. This would depend on the number of overnight accommodations, size and number of restaurants and other considerations. Bob outlined our staffing policy as giving Sierra County and Nevada County (both lie inside the 10,000 acre site) residents a priority on the staffing positions during construction and operation of the year-round resort. However, he added that, "we're still a long way from even looking at job applications . . . we're in the early planning stages."

Jim Passilla, Vice President of Employee Relations, recently met with educators from the Peralta Community College District, located in and around our proposed resort's site. It is our company's desire to establish on-the-job career training programs and work-study programs with local colleges and high schools in the area. Jim said that . . . "Engineering, art, merchandising, food and resorts are prime, compatible subjects for such work-study programs."

How will these policies effect cast members here who would like to work in the proposed mountain resort? Jim told us that . . . "Actually, we'll transfer the few people we'll need from around our organization, but remember, the numbers required will be very minimal. Also, we need all the help we can get right here with World Showcase and EPCOT on the horizon."

So, as it looks now, the majority of the Lake Independence employees would come from the local area . . . when and if the project moves from the drawing board to reality.

But it is imporant to remember that all of this is only on paper and in the minds of our Imagineers and designers right now. It all hinges on our Environmental Impact Report being accepted by the government agencies involved. However, we currently have over 25 consultants and firms in the mountain resort area gathering data for the report. And if everything goes as planned, then **EYES & EARS** will keep you informed as to future developments in our **Independence Lake Project.**

FOR SALE:

1974 Honda CL200, candy apple blue, excellent condition, include 2 helmets, sacrifice. Call 423-0191 or 423-3503.

1971 Honda 350 CB, road bike with windshield, 3,000 miles, excellent condition. Call 846-2043 after 6 pm.

Yamaha 125 Enduro, 1975, good shape, asking $500. 851-046.

1974 Honda ST90, excellent condition, $350. Call Mary 351-3489.

1974 Honda XL-100, excellent condition. $350. Call Mary, 351-3489.

1972 Honda 175, new battery and tires. $275. 851-3294.

1974 RD 250 Yamaha, excellent condition, 4,000 miles, $535. 299-4898.

1973 Olds Custom Cruiser Wagon, excellent condition. $2900. 851-3294.

1975 Buick Skyhawk, V-6, 3 spd. auto, air, P/S, radial tires, white with red interior. Jerry at 824-3519.

1969 Chevy Impala, low mileage, air, P/S, 4 door hardtop. Immaculate. Owned by elderly. 299-6337.

1971 VW Squareback, auto., A/C, yellow with black, AM radio, Sears steel belted radials, excellent condition, $1900. 904-383-2956 after 5 pm.

1969 Corvette, silver/black, A/C, P/S, AM/FM, T-top, 350hp, 4 speed, good tires. F70-G60, new battery, good condition. $3200. 904-383-2956 after 5 pm.

1967 Mustang,V-8, radio, good engine. Call Paul, 299-1390, evenings.

1968 Impala, good condition, loaded, $850 or best offer. Call Judy at 645-3093.

1974 Duster, like new, 20,000 miles, 6 cyl., auto., sunroof, vinyl top, many extras, $2650. Call Guy at 855-0340.

1973 Chrysler Newport, mint condition, gold with white vinyl top, 876-3524.

1966 Pontiac GTO 389, A/C, P/S, P/B, $500 or best offer. Mike, 671-2240 after 3 pm.

1966 Oldsmobile Delta 88, four door hardtop, 36,000 actual miles, air and all extras. Probably cleanest in town. Will consider trade for Volkswagen, Datsun or Toyota. Call 295-9027 after 6 pm.

1974 Kawasaki 250 Dirt Bike, 1300 miles, almost brand new, gotta sell, going back to school. Call anytime 275-1177. Come and price it. Orlando.

Queen size waterbed, with raised wooden frame, covered with yellow shag carpet, excellent condition! Must sell! $100. Call Tony at 656-3071.

Gibson accoustical guitar, electric, 12 string, excellent condition, $250. 851-3294.

1974 Diamond Mini Motor Home, 19½', A/C, sleeps 6, range, oven, shower, 50 gal. gas tank, 40 gal. water supply, refrigerator, ladder and roof rack. Excellent condition. $8300. 298-2053 anytime.

Fridgedaire Refrigerator, avocado, 2 yrs. old, $100. Classic sewing machine, $50. (904) 728-3409.

Edelbrock Torke Intake Manifold, for small block chevy, $50. Also, Halley 800 CFM duel feed double pumper with manual chalse and mechanical secondaries. $90. (904) 383-2956 after 5 pm.

Hallet Davis Piano, perfect condition, must sell. $600 or best offer. 299-8819.

Heathkit Model A27 Stereo center, phono, FM Stereo and two Utah speaker cabinets. $250 firm. Michael, 295-6027.

Men's 10-speed bicycle and ladies' 3-speed bicycle, both for $50 or $30 each. 423-5975 after 6 pm.

Keuffel and Esser drawing instrument, made in Germany, excellent condition, never used, $15. John Hannan, 277-8084.

Slate top pool table, 4'x8', balls, rack, etc. $150. 299-4898.

Siamese female kitten, 3 months old, house trained, $20. 273-3206.

Sears air conditioner, 5,000 BTU, barely used, $95. 857-0590 after 6:30 pm, all day Sunday and Monday.

WANTED:

Someone to share driving expenses to California - one way - am moving to San Diego soon after Labor Day. Cindy Wills. No home phone. Please call Eyes & Ears office at ext. 4655 and leave number.

FOUND:

Man's ring, found July 24th, it's a Lyman Greyhound ring. Must know the name engraved on the inside. Cary, ext. 4476, Monday through Friday.

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